FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER


Term 3 News
Despite being half a world away in Africa at present I have been busy liaising with members of the Leadership team to finalise staffing arrangements for Term 3. These changes have been necessitated due to a number of staff taking leave. Please find below details of staffing arrangements for Term 3:

Maternity Leave – we wish the following staff God’s blessings as they embark upon the exciting journey of motherhood:
• Melissa Thirgood – to be replaced by former Mt Carmel Principal and SVC...
Deputy Principal Mrs Laurie Wolfe
- Renee MacGregor – replaced by Mr Rohan Mitchell. Mr Daniel Lapolla will be Acting Director of Identity.
- Jillian Norton – replaced by Mr Mitch Ellis

Long Service Leave
- Simon Harder – to be replaced by Ms Kristen Gardner
- Heidi Gregg – replaced by Mr Jeremy Price
- Chanchal Foxen – replaced by Mrs Suzanne Walker

It is also timely to thank Bridie McEntee who has done a great job in filling in for Mr Mark Smith in Term 2.

A reminder that school starts for students at Junior and Senior School on Tuesday July 22.

Senior School parents are reminded that Parent, Teacher and Student Conferences will be held at the Austins Ferry campus from 9 am on Tuesday July 29.

Gala Auction
Early next term on Saturday August 2, the P&F Association in support of the College is holding its major social evening for the year - the Gala Auction held at the New Town Bay Rowing Centre, Marine Parade, New Town. A lot of the time and effort has gone into the organisation and many wonderful items will be available for auction. I encourage you to organise a table of ten for the event. Tickets at $30/head can be purchased online - [http://www.easybookings.com.au/event/2014-gala-auction-evening](http://www.easybookings.com.au/event/2014-gala-auction-evening)

For any donations or other enquiries please contact the President of the P&F, Mrs Susan Roberts or the Director of Development, Mr Mark Waddington [mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au](mailto:mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au) or phone 62496518.

2012 Gala Auction – bargains galore!
School Renewal Survey
As you may be aware the College is currently undergoing a renewal process which involves a formal review of our operations as an authentic Catholic school for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition.

The review is being conducted through Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA). As part of the review we are surveying parents, students and staff on a range of issues. Survey results will be used by College Leadership to inform the future direction of improvement and development of St Virgil's.

I would like to personally invite you to partake in this important information gathering process by completing the survey at the link below. The survey should take no longer than 15 minutes. The survey will remain open until Friday July 11 2014.

http://tinyurl.com/svc2014

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“I would like to acknowledge and thank the Parents and Friends for organising the barbecue for Half Way Day – feeding so many boys, so quickly and with a smile was a monumental task”!

At a recent school assembly to launch the week of activities leading up to Half Way Day, our opening prayer featured the words “Changing Our Hearts...Changing Lives”.

This sentiment was very much on display throughout last week in the activities leading up to the celebration of Half Way Day. As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition we are called to justice, compassion and peace for all and our commitment to the Mary Rice Centre in Nairobi is a very tangible challenge to our commitment to these values.
It is perhaps the events of Half Way Day that best encapsulates what defines us as a College:

**Gathering Prayer**
The day commenced with a gathering of the College community to pray and to bestow a blessing on the day. I have included below the wording of the Blessing.

**Walkathon**
Our Walkathon is the centre of our fundraising activities for the Mary Rice Centre. The whole College community took up the challenge of the walk in solidarity with the staff and students of Mary Rice. As always there was a wonderful sense of spirit and purpose among the boys.

**Prayer Service**
Immediately following the Walkathon the community gathered for an incredibly moving prayer service. The Hall was ringed by the Grade Eight students with their beautifully decorated shields, chanting the names of the students of Mary Rice, supported by a wonderful performance by the Senior Choir, and accompanied by a group of boys playing African drums. In amongst this was a stirring performance by the Grade Nine Drama class. A beautiful celebration of the theme of the day.

**Community lunch and soccer game**
A shared barbecue lunch followed, prepared by the always supportive Parent and Friends. During the lunch break an accumulation of boys from each year level participated in a soccer match, consisting of two teams representing the Mary Rice Centre and SVC. Each boy’s shirt had the name of a student from the Mary Rice Centre printed on their back, to symbolise those students. The match was played in great spirits with the final score being 2-1 to SVC. Thank you to all involved, in particular Father Felix for his highly skilled refereeing job.

**Activities afternoon**
The day of celebration culminated in the afternoon with a variety of fun and new activities offered by the staff. Perhaps the most poignant element of the day was the absence of Principal Mr Messer, and the realisation that while we were walking, he was arriving in Nairobi at the commencement of his visit to the Mary Rice Centre. He took with him the best wishes of the St Virgil’s community.

We often say to the boys that sometimes we have to do things because it is the right thing to do. This was one of those days and our boys did themselves proud. The day wasn’t about us, it was about, as Br Peter said, “Doing God’s Work”.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the staff that helped to make the week, and particularly the day of Half Way Day, so successful. To the Parents and Friends my thanks for once again making it such a wonderful community day (including some clever improvisation to ensure we were fed on time!).

Finally to the boys well done – “Changing Our Hearts...Changing Lives”.

**HALF WAY DAY THE BLESSING**

*Go forth into the world in peace;*

*be of good courage;*

*hold fast that which is good;*

*render to no one evil for evil;*
strenthen the fainthearted; support the weak;

help the afflicted; honour everyone;

love and serve the Lord,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

and the blessing of Almighty God,
The Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be upon us all.

Amen

Reports
Staff have been busy compiling student reports this week. Senior School Reports will be posted early next week.

Term 3
A reminder that the Term 3 classes resume on Tuesday July 22, and that Monday July 21 is a student free day. An important note for parents for diaries is Tuesday July 29 which is the date allocated for Parent/Student/Teacher conferences.
CAMPUS MINISTER

BR PETER FLINT

Amos and St Virgils

Each morning Br Sean and I reflect together on the scripture readings set for the day.

Last Tuesday the Old Testament Prophet Amos was one of the texts of the day. It is worth quoting. It is the last two lines that I resonate with.

If I do not strive to live a life of integrity and work for Justice, then I have a problem with my relations with the Mystery I call God.

The boys had a lot of fun on Halfway Day, and the majority were well aware that there was a Justice issue behind it all. I thought it was a marvellous day.

I am each day impressed with the integrity of the boys. Amos would be pleased with St Virgils - nearly always.

Seek good and not evil
so that you may live,
and that the Lord, God of Hosts, may really be with you
as you claim he is.
Hate evil, love good,
maintain justice at the city gate,
and it may be that the Lord, God of Hosts, will take pity
on the remnant of Joseph.
I hate and despise your feasts,
I take no pleasure in your solemn festivals.
When you offer me holocausts,
I reject your oblations,
and refuse to look at your sacrifices of fattened cattle.
Let me have no more of the din of your chanting,
no more of your strumming on harps.
But let justice flow like water,
and integrity like an unfailing stream.

Amos 5:14-15,21-24
If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.

Wayne Dryer

Slide2Learn
This week I had the opportunity to attend the Slide2Learn conference in Sydney. Tasmania was certainly well represented at this fantastic opportunity to learn even more about what we can be doing with iPads to support the boy’s learning.

Woodwork
Grade 3 finished off their time at woodwork this week. It has been pleasing to witness each boy’s skills develop in the workshop over their time in attending woodwork. They have also been very proud of the pieces that they have produced. Next Term, Grade 6 W will commence their time at woodwork.

Half Way Day
A fantastic day was celebrated last Friday with half way day. It was a wonderful opportunity for the whole College to join and offer service to those who are not as fortunate as we are. The boys from the Junior School Campus certainly got into the spirit of the walk a thon clocking up large numbers of laps. A very powerful liturgy was celebrated at the conclusion of the walk followed by lunch and a very entertaining game of soccer. The boys participated in a variety of activities to round out the day.

A special thank you to Mr Blizzard, Senior School Staff and the Grade 10 boys for their organisation of the different components of the day. Now, we need to ensure all Junior School boys return their donation cards and money prior to the holidays – thank you for your support in this regard.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Many parents have taken up the opportunity to come in and have a discussion with their son’s teacher about his progress in the first half of the year. The partnership between home and school is critical in trying to get the best outcomes for each boy academically, socially and emotionally.

P & F Association
2014 Junior School Fair
Preliminary discussions were had at this week’s monthly P & F meeting in regards to this year’s Junior School Fair to be held on Sunday September 14 (please mark this date on your calendar). As is tradition, ALL boys are expected to be in attendance and to assist with their class/grade stall. Any suggestions are welcome in regards to possible stalls. Please direct any suggestions to P & F President, Mark Waddington, via email mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au.

Enrolment 2015
Interviews are well and truly underway for those families who have applied for a position at the Junior School Campus for 2015. Applications are still open, so if you know of anyone interested in making an application, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

Music Department Concert
Unfortunately I missed the performances by the boys from Grade 5 and 6 as their culmination in the Music Programme for the first semester. Congratulations to the boys though on their performances which were, from all reports, to a very high standard. Congratulations also to all of the Music Department staff for the fantastic work that they do with the boys in the
programme. We also wish Mrs Norton all the best as she commences maternity leave in preparation of the arrival of her first child.

End of Semester Assembly
Our end of Semester Assembly this year will be held in the Joyce Performance Centre at the Austins Ferry Campus on Friday July 4. All parents and friends are welcome to attend as we highlight the boys’ efforts and achievements during the first semester of 2014. Thank you to those parents who have indicated their intention to join us for this occasion. Please note the change of venue from that previously advised as it is now the Joyce Performance Centre at the Senior School Campus.

End of Term Holiday
As this is the last Newsletter for the Term, I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful break. Please keep safe and we look forward to the boys returning next term.

Pupil Free Day
Parents and caregivers are reminded that Monday July 21 is a pupil free day. All boys return to school on Tuesday 22 for the commencement of Term 3.

Calendar Update
Parents and guardians are reminded to subscribe to the College’s online calendar. The great advantage of this is that if there are necessary changes to dates these changes can be made immediately. Please check the calendar at: http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/calendar/

Significant, upcoming events are summarised below:

July/August
End of Semester Assembly at Austins Ferry Campus July 4
Last day of Term 2 July 4
First day of Term 3 for boys July 22
Junior School P & F Meeting @ 7.00pm July 22
Hamilton Wing Official Opening @ Austins Ferry Campus July 30

August
P & F Gala Auction August 2

Junior School Sport
Water Polo
The Grade 5&6 team lost a hard fought battle against South Hobart PS 1-5. The boys showed great team work and created many scoring opportunities but were unable to put the ball in the back of the net. This team work will stand the team in good stead for the remainder of the season – games re-commence on Friday July 25 – 8pm v Princes St PS.
Training for those who can attend will re-commence on Tuesday July 22 at 6.30 am.
Player of the Week: Laughlan Freeman for great goalkeeping.

Junior School Canteen
Friday July 4 NO CANTEEN – JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Wednesday July 23 K Bridgland / L Jankowick
Thursday July 24 J Mooney / S Thompson
Friday July 25 T Donohue / J Hickey

If you are able to assist on any canteen days please contact Mrs Olga Leon on 62342440 or oleon@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
**DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING**  
**MISS HEIDI GREGG**

**Homework Club**  
**Ms Claire Graham**

All students are invited to attend 'Homework Club' each Wednesday after school. A number of teachers will be present to provide assistance in a range of learning areas. Homework Club runs from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm and students will be provided with a Milo and snack prior to the session commencing. A bus will run from the College to the CBD following each session.

For more details please email cgraham@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

**SPORT**

**Football**

**Mr Mark Beck**

**Football v The Hutchins School**

**Grade 7/8 v Hutchins**

A 7/8 side and a 9/10 side played the annual grudge match against our greatest rival 'Hutchins'. The 7/8 side were introduced to the 'Selfless' game plan that is synonymous with St Virgil's football. They defended strongly, ran hard and created space for their forwards. Tom 'not like Jed at all' Morgan looked a class above with hard running and penetrating kicks. Riley 'Ricciuto' Oakley was strong and smart around the contests and Jack 'Darling' Stevenson and Calvin 'Woolworths' Coles demonstrated forward marking prowess. Luke 'Swinnnno' Swinton showed good leadership and voice. Zac 'Straw' Berry and Zac 'Canadian' Dodge were classy around goals.

SVC 15 9 – 99 defeated Hutchins 2 5 - 17

Best: Tom Morgan, Jack Stevenson, Zac Dodge, Riley Oakley, Luke Swinton, Zac Berry

**Grade 9/10 v Hutchins**

The 9/10 boys knew this would be their best challenge to date of 2014. And so it was, for 10 minutes. Fast ball movement, dominant marking and using teammates in better positions was a hallmark as the boys controlled the game. Riley 'Harry's good but I am a' Gun.......ther was particularly impressive with wonderful attacking football. Liam 'just look at me' Devlin continued his forward line efficiency marking and kicking with great effectiveness. Harry 'I take more marks then all of 'Richmond' was excellent and

**Water Polo**

**Miss Imogen Gray**

**Grade 7&8 SVC Coutas v Sharks**

The game we had been waiting for all season kicked off at the Hobart Aquatic Centre last Friday night. The two leading teams; the Sharks and the Coutas played off against each other to claim a win and bragging rights!

It started off with the Coutas winning the swim and had first possession. This soon got turned over and given to Callum Polanowski to give the lead. Nelson Goram-Aitken replied straight away making it 1-1. With Callum Polanowski being too strong he continued to score. The score was 3-1 at halftime.

After half time Joseph McMullen scored off a 5 metre penalty. Callum Polanowski continued to score, having scored seven goals by the end of the game. With Lochlann Jenkins scoring 1, Joseph McMullen scoring 1 and Nelson Goram-Aitken Scoring two for the Coutas. For the Sharks, Fletcher Cashion scored 1.

Both teams were coached extremely well but the Sharks had a little more experience in the pool with great defence from both sides. The final score was 8-4 to the Sharks.

By Nelson Goram Aitken and Callum Polanowski
Bailey 'I'm hunting wabbits' Elmer extended the dukes on many occasions but perhaps one too often.

A big thank you to Mark and Declan Waddington for the sensational umpiring on the day. We look forward to the game against the Under 15 state side next Wednesday 12 o’clock at KGV. Get along and support the boys!

**SVC 20 5 125 defeated Hutchins 3 7 25**

**Best:** Riley Gunther, Harry Richmond, Liam Devlin, Bailey Elmer, Jed Morgan, Will Kaden, Connor Salter


The victorious 1st XVIII

**Sailing**

**Br Peter Flint**

**Working Bee last Saturday.**

We spent about an hour and a half on the pacers last Saturday. Chris Upton and Peter Higgs went over all the boats and checked all the fittings and their securing screws and bolts. Lucas and Henry went over all the rudder fittings and checked pins and securing lines. They also assisted with the sails.

Geoff Doolan consulted with the boys about the jib sheets and has taken all the jibs and their sheets home to replace the jib sheets and have them removable so wet sheets and dry jibs do not have to be packed away together. The painters will also be replaced with longer ones to allow better management of the pacers during launching and recovery. Geoff commented that the boats were in good shape after three years usage.

**Working Bee continues this Saturday. 10am - 12.00 10am at AFYC then to SVC.**

A short one! ‘Two main tasks’ Check out the RIB. Repack the jibs.

**Holiday Sailing**

After Saturday we should be able to get out on the water. Any occasion needs at least one other adult with power boat licence and boat handling experience and a minimum of four boys. Boys must be ready for cold water sailing. I’m suggesting Wednesday 2-5 pm and Saturday 10-11 am. Please let me know your interest and availability via email pflint@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

**Basketball**

Students who can assist with refereeing Junior School basketball in Term 3 are asked to contact Mrs Messer – jmesser@stvirgils.tas.edu.au A training course will be held at Sacred Heart College on Tuesday July 22, 6pm-7.30pm.
Austins Ferry Canteen
Mrs Carol Hilyer

The Winter Menu has commenced. The Menu is available on the website or students can obtain a copy at the Office or the Canteen.

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Uniform Shop
Mrs Cindy Gangell

2014 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30 am to 3.30 pm

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday 8.30 to 9.30 am Thursday 2.00 to 3.30 pm

Walk Sock for both Senior and Junior School
All sizes of Grey shorts are in stock at both shops
Football socks are now in stock and are available for $12.
ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Mrs Susan Roberts,
President

Next Meeting – Wednesday July 23 at 7.30 pm at Austins Ferry.

Half Way Day
What a fantastic day! It was wonderful to see the boys work up a sweat during the walkathon as they raised invaluable funds for the Mary Rice Centre. It was a privilege to serve them lunch – all our helpers were very impressed by the great manners shown by all boys.

A sincere thank you to our incredible P&F volunteers – to feed 750 boys and the staff of SVC in such a timely manner was an extraordinary effort. Thank you also to Mrs Dennis and the Food Technology staff who provided much appreciated support. On behalf of the P&F – and the boys – Thank You!! It is wonderful to be part of the St Virgil’s community.

Entertainment Book
The P&F is again selling the popular Entertainment Book. In 2014 the Entertainment Book will be available from the Front Office of both campuses. The cost of the book this year is $65, with $13 from each book sold going to the P&F. Please support the boys of St Virgil’s College when buying the book.

Junior School Link

Senior School Link
The Parents and Friends Association Need Your Help!

Donations of Goods and Services are Gratefully Requested!

To make this night a successful fundraiser that will benefit all boys at the Senior and Junior school, the Parents and Friends Association need your help! The P&F need donations of good and services that can be used as part of the auctions on the night. Almost anything of value will make a great auction item! Some examples could include:

- Electrical goods still in their box!
- A weekend at your shack
- Hosting a dinner party
- Accommodation vouchers
- Tourism experiences
- New clothes items
- Hardware items
- Heating units
- Books
- Wine
- Trade services
- Dinner vouchers
- Sporting gear
- Hosting a fishing adventure
- Food gift baskets
- Car services
- Furniture
- Computer hardware

If you have any contacts at businesses that may be able to donate please do not hesitate to approach them – we can provide you with a donor letter. If you can assist with a donation, big or small please contact the Director of Development Mr Mark Waddington at mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

If you can donate an item please drop it in to the Front Office at either campus.

Past experience highlights that this is a great fun night with bargains for all and a great fundraiser for our boys – please put the date in your diary and start rounding up your friends.


- 2014 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- Kids Sleep and Screen Time Seminar
- L’Arche 50th Anniversary Flyer
- Tasmanian Sports Camp Flyer

Lost Blazer
Sam Nichols has lost his new Size 12 blazer which is clearly marked with his name. If found please return to front reception at Austins Ferry.
A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE COLLEGE

Each week boys at St Virgil’s College are involved in a wide range of exciting curricular and co-curricular experiences. These experiences provide a rich source of learning, fun and personal growth – here is just a snapshot of these activities, captured through the lens of Br Peter Flint and Mr Andrew Pinelli.

Additional photos can be accessed at: Svcpics.phanfare.com